

BEECH GROVE EARNS GROWTH AWARD

Arbor Day Foundation Honors City with Tree City USA Distinction



BEECH GROVE, IN - Beech Grove has been named a Tree City USA for the sixth year in a row, and the city was honored with the Growth Award from the Arbor Day Foundation.

"Our community has a lot to be proud of, and we should all be proud of our Greenscape Commission members and their work to earn this prestigious award," said **Terry Dilk**, Mayor of Beech Grove.

Beech Grove has met the four standards to become a Tree City USA community. Tree City USA communities must have a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program with an annual expenditure, and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

The prestigious Growth Award honors environmental improvement and higher levels of tree care in Tree City USA communities.

"It is only with the volunteer support of the Greenscape Commission members and volunteers within the community that the city could gain this national award of achievement, said Beech Grove Greenscape Commission president **David Miller**. "Commitment to urban forestry and environmental improvement will continue to be our goal."

"Communities that are honored with a Tree City USA designation and a Growth Award make a strong commitment to planting and caring for trees, and we applaud their efforts," said **John Rosenow**, chief executive and founder of the Arbor Day Foundation.

Members of the Beech Grove Greenscape Commission include President David Miller, Beth Berg, Tim Latimer, Lynn Huff, and Brian Clayton. The Commission was honored at the last meeting of the City Council at the beginning of May.

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